

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

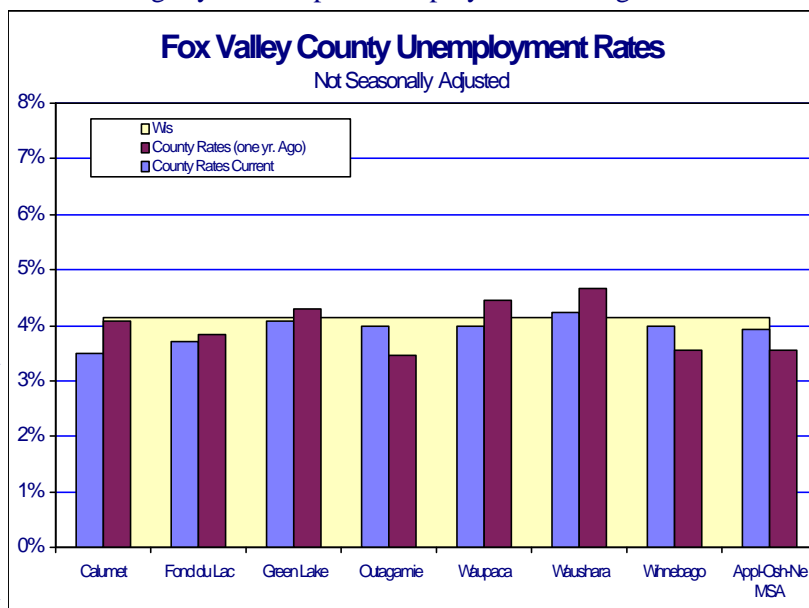
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## Two Counties in Region See Mild Increase in Unadjusted Unemployment Rates in October

The Fox Valley as a region saw its seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate decline slightly from September to October. The rate for the region was down 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.9 percent. Only two of the counties in the region had an increase in the monthly rate. Green Lake County's rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.1 percent while the rate in Waushara also rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.2 percent. The remaining areas in the region had declines ranging from 0.1 of a percentage point to 0.3 of a percentage point.



total of 340,000 in the labor force and 326,700 employed. Although labor force and employment changes were minimal and mixed, overall growth from one year ago remained relatively healthy. During the last 12 months the labor force has increased by 6,600 workers and the number of employed is up 5,700 from last October. Unfortunately, the economy has not provided enough job growth to support the number of additional workers entering the labor force as the number of unemployed increased by 800 over that period.

Fond du Lac County had the lowest rate in the region at 3.7 percent down 0.1 of a percentage point from last month. The Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA which is made up of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties was just above that at 3.9 percent before seasonal adjustment. The small change in unemployment rate, labor force and employment is typical between September and October.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
<b>October-2002</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	233,400	3,069,000	143,123	
Employment	222,800	2,919,400	134,914	
Unemployment	10,600	149,600	8,209	
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.9%	5.7%	
<b>September-2002 Change</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	-	4,000	(154)	
Employment	900	9,600	(271)	
Unemployment	(800)	(5,500)	117	
Unemployment rate	-0.4%	-0.2%	0.1%	
<b>October-2001 Change</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	4,100	69,200	843	
Employment	3,000	61,900	299	
Unemployment	1,100	7,300	544	
Unemployment rate	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

Following a seasonal pattern of little change between September and October, the area's labor force declined by 300 while total employment increased by 500. This is a very small change considering that the region has a

of a percentage point below the state's unadjusted rate of 4.1 percent. The unadjusted rate for the state was down 0.2 of a percentage point from September.

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## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA was down 0.4 of a percentage point to 4.5 percent in October. When compared to last October the rate was 4.1 percent.

The nation's unemployment rate reversed its trend in October and rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.7 percent. The rate for

the State of Wisconsin remained below the national rate as it decreased 0.2 of a percentage point, to 4.9 percent. To the north, the rate for the Green Bay MSA was 4.6 percent, unchanged from September.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

## Labor Force and Employment Estimates for the Wisconsin Fox Valley Counties

October-2002	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Wisconsin
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	232,300	57,500	11,000	27,300	11,900	340,000	3,054,200
Employed	223,200	55,300	10,600	26,200	11,400	326,700	2,928,200
Unemployed	9,100	2,100	500	1,100	500	13,300	126,000
Unemployment rate(%)	3.9%	3.7%	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	3.9%	4.1%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	4.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.9%
<b>Total, all industries**</b>	207,700	49,700	7,900	21,800	6,100	287,000	2,868,300
Construction & Mining	13,800	3,500	600	1,000	300	19,000	134,000
Manufacturing	55,000	11,600	1,700	6,100	700	74,400	570,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	10,000	2,500	300	800	300	13,500	133,000
Wholesale Trade	9,300	1,900	100	900	300	12,200	136,500
Retail Trade	35,900	9,300	1,400	3,900	1,400	50,600	511,300
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	9,700	1,800	300	700	200	12,500	153,800
Services	49,700	13,200	2,200	4,300	1,400	69,400	804,000
Government	24,200	5,900	1,200	4,000	1,400	35,400	425,000
<b>Change from previous month</b>							
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	200	100	0	-300	-200	-300	4,900
Employed	900	0	0	-300	-200	500	9,700
Unemployed	-700	-100	100	0	0	-700	-4,700
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	-0.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.2%
<b>Total, all industries**</b>	900	0	0	-300	-100	600	14,100
Construction & Mining	-70	-40	-10	-20	-10	-140	-1,600
Manufacturing	-110	-170	-10	-80	-10	-370	-2,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	40	20	20	0	-10	80	800
Wholesale Trade	0	-20	0	20	10	0	-100
Retail Trade	210	-20	-20	-140	-40	20	3,000
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	50	-20	0	0	-10	30	100
Services	-570	70	-70	-120	-90	-700	-4,000
Government	1,330	190	70	30	20	1,620	18,100
<b>Change from year ago</b>							
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	3,900	1,600	300	500	300	6,600	61,200
Employed	3,000	1,600	300	600	300	5,700	57,400
Unemployed	1,000	0	0	-100	0	800	3,800
Unemployment rate(%)	0.4%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.5%	-0.4%	0.2%	0.0%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.2%
<b>Total, all industries**</b>	100	900	-70	110	60	1,000	21,900
Construction & Mining	1,020	330	20	60	20	1,440	1,500
Manufacturing	-2,300	-520	-120	-100	-10	-3,100	-9,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	300	230	0	10	-20	540	-1,300
Wholesale Trade	100	20	-10	-10	10	100	-1,600
Retail Trade	-470	10	-20	0	40	-480	3,700
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	240	70	50	10	0	360	3,000
Services	1,410	590	-10	10	70	2,000	25,400
Government	-180	130	30	120	-60	110	600

\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers.

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